(b) whether imposition of heavy tariff on Indian steel by USA is going to affect adversely on our exports; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Yes, Sir.,.

(b) (Export performance depends upon various factors such as demand and supply/ prices, levy of duties & taxes etc. All other factors remain ing the same, the imposition of anti dumping duty on imports of stainless steel bars into USA from India may affect our exports- However, it is not possible to state with certainty the likely impact of imposition of tariffs by USA.

(c) Anti-dumping duty is imposed by Governments under national, raws conforming to Article VI of the GATT. As anti-dumping, actions are directed at the export pricing policies of the individual companies/ the .main role • of the Government gene rally is to see that such action con forms to the multilaterally agreed disciplines.

Labour shortage affecting Tea Pro-duction in Darjeeling

5098.. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the,Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Darjeeling tea has now come to a standstill;

(b) whether it is. due to growing ethnic problem in that area;

(c) if so, how does Government propose to tackle.the problem of the shortage, of labour in the tea garden; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been a marginal decline in the estimated production of Darjeeling tea during 1994 as compared to 1993 on account of. adverse ag^ro-climatic conditions. -

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Percentage of GDP constituting exports

5099. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI .CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will trie Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of GDP constituting current exports;

(b) what is the quantum figure of GDP;

\c) what are the details for the last three years in terms of percent age of GDP;

(d) whether India has attained export level in . terms of percentage of GDP of;current year in/any previous year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

"THE MINISTER OF STATE "OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE-(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The value of exports and Gross Domestic. . Products (GDP); at current' market Prices and the ratio of exports to GDP for 1992-93,-1993-94"and'1994-93 are given' below:—